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R 111054Z MAY 76
FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO
TO AMEMBASSY MANILA
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4812
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE
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AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY
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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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TAGS: OTRA, CE

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF U.S. CUSTOMS AGENTS

REF: A) STATE 100071; B) CANBERRA 3365; C) SINGAPORE 2113

1. PLEASE ADVISE ETA CUSTOMS AGENTS O'KANE
AND FRIEDRICH AND ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY
MELLON. ONLY BANGKOK-COLOMB FLIGHTS ARE
ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, SINCE FRIDAY,
MAY 21, IS MERCANTILE HOLIDAY, EMBASSY SUGGESTS
TRAVELLERS ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME MAY 24 OR
OTHER WEEKDAY FOR TALKS WITH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING
DIRECTOR OF SRI LANKA'S DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION AND APPROPRIATE CUSTOMS AND
POSSIBLY WILDLIFE AND NATURE PROTECTION SOCIETY,
MUSEUM, AND ZOO OFFICERS.

2. EMBASSY UNSURE WHETHER IT WILL PROVE POSSIBLE
OR DESIRABLE FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS VIEWPOINT FOR
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VISITORS TO ATTEMPT INTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS

POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN
WILDLIFE. AS TRAVELLERS PROBABLY AWARE, SRI
LANKA IS NOT SIGNATORY TO CONVENTION MENTIONED
REF (C).

3. VISAS AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL AIRPORT SO LONG
AS NO PART OF STAY EXTENDS ZYYOND MAY 31.

4. EMBASSY CARE WILL MEET AT AIRPORT.
VISITORS SHOULD CONTACT RICHARD LIVINGSTON,
CONSULAR OFFICER, UPON ARRIVAL IN COLOMBO.
LANKA OBEROI CONFIRMS THREE SINGLES WILL BE AVAILABLE.
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